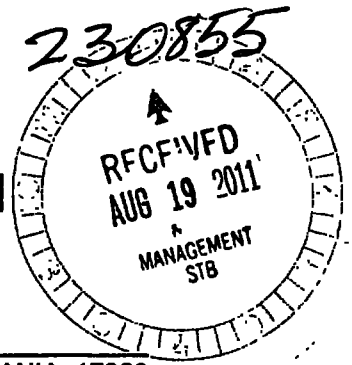




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RE: Stewartstown Railroad Company-York County, PA, STB Docket No. AB-1071

Dear Ms. Brown,

The Stewartstown Borough Council is in opposition to the Estate of George M. Hart's application for abandonment of the 7.4 mile rail line of the Stewartstown Railroad Company.

The Stewartstown Railroad could provide rail freight service which would be good both economically, as well as environmentally. The use of the Stewartstown Railroad to transport goods would bring more jobs and also encourage business into southern York County. The county has leased the Northern Central (which connects to the Stewartstown Railroad) to "Steam Into History", a non-profit group. The organization has agreed to facilitate freight operation between New Freedom and a connection with York Railways in York, thereby giving the Stewartstown Railroad a viable connection with the interstate rail network.

Another value of the Stewartstown Railroad is as an excursion operator, which will encourage local tourism. Increased tourist traffic will bring income to the railroad as well as to related businesses, which will help the economic growth of Stewartstown and York County.

Stewartstown Borough Council recognizes the important role that the Stewartstown Railroad had and could continue to have in the commercial and agricultural development of the area and hopes that it can continue in that role.

Sincerely,

Marsha K. England, President
Stewartstown Borough Council

**BEFORE THE
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STB Docket No. AB - 1071

**STEWARTSTOWN RAILROAD COMPANY
ADVERSE ABANDONMENT
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